

TUMULT'S DENIAL IS MADE COMPLETE

Wilson's Secretary Says He Did Not Know Note Existed Until Published.

NO "TIPS" EVER GIVEN

Talks With Baruch or Anyone Representing Him Never Took Place.

President Quoted as Giving Full Indorsement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, appeared before the House rules committee today as a witness in the so-called "leak inquiry" and read a statement, backed by the approval of the President. The statement was: "I appear before this committee to represent the unjust intimation that I gave information to Mr. E. M. Baruch in regard to the so-called peace note sent to the European belligerents last month by the Secretary of State. This intimation was contained in a statement made to the press by Representative Wood, of Indiana, a man whom I do not know. To the best of my knowledge, I have never met Mr. Wood. Certainly he made no effort to find out the truth from me before dragging my name into this affair.

Existence of Note Not Known. "I wish to deny generally and specifically that I gave advance information to Mr. Baruch or to anybody else in regard to the peace note. I did not know of the existence of the note until this Government contemplated the dispatch of such a note until after President Wilson had given his indorsement to representatives of the press by the State Department.

Not consulted in the preparation of the note and its dispatch were confidential between the President and myself. I knew nothing of them whatever, nor did any other person employed in the executive office.

Relations With Baruch. "I had no correspondence, written or telegraphic, with Mr. Baruch or anybody representing him regarding this matter. I have never met Mr. Baruch or anybody representing him regarding this matter. I have never talked with him or anybody representing him, either publicly or privately, with regard to this matter.

Apparently the only insinuations made against me are that I lunched with or met Mr. Baruch at the Biltmore Hotel at or about the time of the preparation of the note. I have met him only at several banquets and large dinners, when many other persons were present. I have never discussed the peace or other note, either when it was in prospect or afterwards, with Mr. Baruch or any other person engaged in the purchase of securities of any kind in the stock market.

No Stock Deals Ever Made. "While this is a complete denial of the only insinuations which have been made, I wish to go further and say that I have never engaged in stock market sales or purchases myself nor through brokers, either as agent or principal. I discussed the President's note with no one, first, because of my oath of service requires that I make no private use of official information, and secondly and specifically, because, as I have stated, I had not seen the President's note and did not know it was in preparation or even contemplated.

As I have already said in a public statement I have frequently requested the President to keep me free from any knowledge of impending international moves, so that I might not be embarrassed by requests for information from the newspaper correspondents, who appeal to me in my office constantly for such information.

Insinuations Have No Basis. "The insinuations which have been made, whether conceived in political malice or merely through misapprehension, are wholly false and without even the faintest basis. I have not at any time since acting as Mr. Wilson's secretary, first when he was Governor of New Jersey and later when he became President, been interested in any stock transactions of any kind or given information to any other person upon which purchases or sales might be made. I wish to make this statement as sweeping and complete as I know how. I am still waiting for Mr. Wood's public apology.

As I am authorized by the President to quote him as follows: "I wish, in justice to Mr. Tumulty, to say that he has done the exact fact. He had no knowledge of the note whatever until it was given out for publication."

Wilson Is Expert Typewriter. Chairman Henry of the rules committee, announced that he had no questions to ask, and Representative Campbell questioned Mr. Tumulty.

"Do you know," Mr. Tumulty in the preparation of this note?" "The President prepared and wrote the note himself," said Mr. Tumulty. "He is an expert typewriter in addition to his other achievements."

Mr. Tumulty added that he had tried to find out how a leak could have occurred, but had been unable to get any definite information. The mere mechanics of preparing the note might make it possible for it to get out, he said, but he had no knowledge that a note had been given out."

He added, "came from the Associated Press correspondent at the White House on the afternoon of December 26. He told me when I returned from lunch that the note had been given out. I asked

him what note and he said the peace note."

"Have you any information as to how the leak occurred?" Mr. Campbell asked.

Tumulty "Careful of Reputations." "I have not," Mr. Tumulty replied. "Any opinion I might have would be speculative and would involve reputations. I am very careful about making statements in such circumstances."

Representative Chipfield asked Secretary Tumulty if he knew that Alfred H. Curtis, of 125 West Twenty-ninth street, New York, former president of the National Bank of North America, was in fact the "A. Curtis" who wrote the letter. Mr. Tumulty said he did not.

Mr. Tumulty added he did not think the "leak" could have occurred on the note through any employee of the executive office. He then read a letter from L. T. Russell, editor of the Newark Morning Ledger, referring to the mysterious "A. Curtis" who wrote Representative Wood, author of the investigation resolution.

"What prompts me to write," said the letter "is I note one man by the name of Curtis is brought in as having written the Wood letter, using your name, and I recall that on a number of occasions under various suspicious circumstances since I have been in Newark I have received telephone calls from a man calling himself 'Mr. Curtis' and alleging himself to be a banker or broker."

LANSGING RACES NOTE'S MOVEMENTS

Extreme Precautions Taken in Courtesy to Nations Receiving Message.

CODING CLOSELY GUARDED

Three Men in Room When Secretary Talked to Newspaper Men, but He Did Not Know They Were There Until Later.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Secretary of State Lansing testified today before the House rules committee, which is conducting an inquiry into the charge that advance information of the President's peace note became public.

"Possibly I had better start," said Secretary Lansing, "by stating that I assume that confidential communications between the President and myself are not a part of the inquiry. I can give you a physical history of the note. The draft of the note was received by me from the White House at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. I called Mr. Polk, counselor for the department, and Mr. Woolsey, law adviser, attached to my office, and discussed the three forms in which the note was to be prepared and sent forth. I then handed it to Mr. Woolsey, enjoining to the strictest secrecy that he might take to the three confidential stenographers."

"There it was to be prepared and delivered to Mr. Salmon, chief of the index bureau."

Note Enciphered in Locked Room. "The index clerk," continued the Secretary, "was to encipher the note and that it would be in so long as either the three notes that he would have to have an assistant. I directed that he engage his most confidential man for the work. He did not know he had the copies and the two men locked themselves in the room. They were given the copies at 8 o'clock and communicated on December 12) the notes were enciphered, delivered to the telegraph office and sent."

"On Tuesday afternoon I discussed with the President the same note which should be made public. The reason for secrecy was the courtesy due to the nations which were to receive the note that it should not be published here before they received it."

Two Days Allowed for Transmission. "We decided it would take at least two days for it to reach Austria and we decided to send it back to Europe by air mail on Thursday morning. Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock a copy of the note was handed to Mr. James, chief of the telegraph office, and he at once took it up with the printing office."

"It was read by one man and then sent to the printing office."

"At about 11 o'clock I received the newspaper correspondents and told them that I would have an important announcement for them at 6 o'clock to be released the next morning. I told them in confidence, as I was afraid its contents might come back from Europe in garbled form. Further, I thought it courteous not to make it public until it had been received by the countries to which it was addressed. I told them it did not contain any proposal of peace or offer of mediation."

VATICAN MAKES DENIAL President Wilson's Peace Note Not Answered in Spanish Form.

ROME, via Paris, Jan. 8.—The Vatican denies a statement which has appeared in the press that the Pope is about to answer President Wilson's note in approximately the same terms as Spain.

It is pointed out that as there are no diplomatic relations between the United States and the Holy See the Pope had no official communication of President Wilson's note, and thus could not answer the note, although it is said that he strongly sympathizes with the intent and aims of the President.

679 SCALPS GO ON PYRE Coyote and Bobcat Pelts Are Destroyed at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The scalps of 647 coyotes and 32 bobcats were fuel for a bonfire this morning at the Pendleton office of the Biological Survey.

The animals were killed during the months of July and August, 1916.

Grand Jurors Chosen. CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The list of members for the first grand jury in Lewis County for 1917 was chosen late today. The jury is expected to convene January 23 and begin its work.

Those selected for grand jury service are as follows: C. E. Sawtelle, Ed. Harris, J. G. Tucker, Mrs. Foss Daubney, M. F. Hamilton, H. E. Porter, J. A. Proffit, E. E. Dodge, E. B. Anderson, Walter N. Clinton, Barbara Pool, Mrs. F. G. Casady, J. H. Ehret, Fred Williams, Fred Weber, Mrs. F. M. Doherty, L. B. Chelders and Beulah Feagles.

The muscles of the human jaw exert a force of 534 pounds.

Stock Market Never Considered. Mr. Bennett recalled Secretary Lansing had said he never had speculated in the market and added:

"For that reason isn't it possible that you gave little thought to the effects of a statement made by you might have on the stock market?"

"I never gave it a thought," said the Secretary. "It never entered my mind. I was merely anxious to preserve the courtesy due to foreign nations in the matter."

Was Mr. Snowden connected with the National Manufacturers' Association? "I think so."

"With Snowden practically a stranger to you, did it occur to you that he might make use of the information?" "I didn't know he was there."

Questioned further about his conference with the newspaper men, he said: "My statements regarding the note were entirely negative. I said nothing whatever about a request for terms having been made. I gave no details. I stated that at 6 o'clock they would be able to get an important communication sent to belligerent governments."

"I said that it was not a proposal of peace or an offer of mediation. Then I explained the reason I wished them to preserve confidence. I knew the note was in the hands of the printer, and wanted to guard against any more rumors that might get out."

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LAND OWNERS RELIABLE CITY DEMANDS PAY FOR UNION AVENUE BRIDGE APPROACH.

Time Granted for Principals to Confer With County Commissioners in Hope of Relief.

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The Council considered the subject yesterday and deferred a settlement until Friday to give the property owners time to consult with the County Commissioners.

The property owners contend that the city should pay part of the cost, inasmuch as the improvement is one for the street and the Council admits that this may be true in part, but contends that the work was done at the instigation of the Union-avenue residents at a time when such action was not necessary if the south approach to the interstate bridge was to go on Union avenue instead of on Vancouver avenue.

It is contended by members of the Council that Vancouver avenue would have been the approach had the Union-avenue property owners conceded the point of additional cost and thereby won in the fight between the two streets. It is contended that the county will have a large surplus of funds in the interstate bridge fund and that, therefore, the county should help pay for the viaduct, inasmuch as it is really a part of the bridge project.

The Council members hold that the Union-avenue owners have got an important project at an unusually low figure. The entire right-of-way for the street was donated by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and some other property needed was granted by the O. W. R. & N. Company. To acquire this property and the right-of-way would have cost many thousands of dollars.

Timber Company Changes Heads. ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Jerry McGillicuddy, for the past four years Democratic Treasurer of Grays Harbor County and now Commissioner-elect, will assume the local management of the Greenwood Timber Company here Monday, succeeding C. E. Ale. Mr. Ale, who has headed the Greenwood company here for 10 years, resigned in order to look after interests which he has in the North River Shingle Company.

Kelso Postal Receipts Jump. KELSO, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—During the month of December the receipts of the local post office increased 40 per cent over the receipts of December, 1915, being \$321.36, as compared with \$229.42. Money order sales and the savings bank deposits also showed a big gain.

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GUILT NOW DOUBTED

Letters Indicate Lewis' Suicide Due to Reverses.

GENERAL INQUIRY STARTED

17 SENTENCED AT LAHORE

Court Says Indian Plots Are Fostered by Germans in United States.

District Attorney Rotan Summons Investigators and All Whose Names Have Been Linked With Model's Murder to Hearing.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—District Attorney Samuel P. Rotan, who on Saturday expressed the belief that Mazie Colbert, the advertising art model, was killed by Bernard W. Lewis, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who committed suicide at Atlantic City as detectives were about to arrest him, today summoned many persons whose names have been linked with the case in the hope of definitely establishing the identity of the murderer and the nature of the motive.

Included among those summoned were Captain of Detectives Tate and virtually all the men under him who have been working on the mysterious case.

Others included relatives of the dead girl, a police magistrate who is said to have been acquainted with Miss Colbert and several wealthy young men, known to have been friendly with her.

Letters alleged to have been written by Lewis in the middle of December to relatives and friends in Pittsburgh that he was about to commit suicide because he had made a failure of life raised a doubt in the minds of some interested in the case that Lewis may have had no connection with the murder.

Three Killed in Wreck. PORT ANGELES, Wash., Jan. 8.—Conductor Clyde Gibson, of this city, and two laborers were killed and Engineer Harry Leeger, Fireman Bert Ferguson and 20 laborers injured today when a work train on the Seattle, Port Angeles & Western Railroad was wrecked west of Majestic.

Railroad Improving Street. KELSO, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—One of the worst mudholes of this city

is being gotten rid of by the Northern Pacific Railway Company filling the entire area between Front street and the railway tracks with clinkers.

FALL FROM HORSE FATAL Martin Brandt, of Nolin, 16, Has Spine Dislocated.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Martin Brandt, of Nolin, aged 16, died yesterday as a result of being thrown from his horse Saturday night. The young man was found lying in the road by John Bartley several hours after the accident occurred. He retained consciousness. Dr. C. O. Waincoat, of Hermiston, the attending physician, says death was due to the dislocation of the spine at the base of the skull.

Mr. Brandt and a brother had been farming near Nolin. He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brandt; two brothers, Harry and Walter, and four sisters, Mrs. Emil Bialke, Mrs. Jake Kinnard, Miss Martha Brandt, of this county, and Mrs. Laura Pragg, of Portland.

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